

4. Smite all our enemies and drive them
away, may
we all obtain their wealth; even among the
Sishtas are
thy exhilarating Soma-plants, where thou
fillest thyself
with the Soma.
5. Indra, come very near with thy firmly-
wise protec-
tions ; come, O most healthful, with thy
most healthful
aid, come, good kinsman, with thy good
kinsmen*
6. Make rich in children that chief of all
men, who
is victorious in battle and a strong
protector; prosper
thoroughly with thy powers thy singers who
continually
purify their minds.
7. May we be in battle as one who is the
surest to
gain thy protection; we worship thee with
invocations
and prayers when we obtain our desire.
8. With thy help, O lord of bay steeds, I
always go
into prayer and into battle, seelung spoil;
it is thou
whom I insist upon, when I go, longing for
horses and
kine, at the head of plunderers.¹

VI.

*Most of the hymn is addressed to Indra, but the
third and fourth
stanzas to the Visve Devd; the rishi is
Matariswan.*

9. The singers with their hymns hymn, O
Indra, this
might of thine; singing loudly, they have
brought thee
sacred viands dropping with ghi; the offerers²
have drawn
near with their prayers.
10. They have drawn near Indra with holy
rites for his
protection,—they in whose libations thou
rejoicest; as

¹ The St. Petersburg Diet would read *maiindn* for *wsthmdm*, "* in the beginning of my prayers."

² Or perhaps "the Pauras," cf. *sup.* ii. 5.